

Goddard Men's Tenpin League Constitution

Preamble: We, the bowlers of the Goddard Men's Tenpin League, being of single purpose, and in order to provide the best in competition through unity in direction, administration, and functions to the extent expressed herein, do ordain and establish this constitution of the Goddard Men's Tenpin League.

Article 1. Organization and Functions

Section 1. League Officers

Functions of the League shall be directed through the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of the League Officers and the Team Captains. They shall resolve all disputes.

President: He shall be the chief executive officer responsible for enforcing the constitution, conduct of business, and the effective functioning of committees.

He shall sign all warrants drawn on the League bank account as ordered or authorized by the Team Captains.

He shall verify that the Secretary/Treasurer has arranged to deposit the funds regularly in the name of the Goddard Men's Tenpin League in the Goddard Space Flight Center Credit Union. The signatures of the Secretary/Treasurer and the President are needed for the withdrawal of funds.

He shall carry out all duties of League President as stated in USBC's league rules.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of that office.

He shall head the Committee on Organization and Rules.

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Secretary/Treasurer: He is responsible for all records and financial status of the League. He shall carry out all of the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer as stated in USBC's league rules.

He shall be the chief executive and representative for the League. He shall, at the close of the season, make a true and correct report of all financial transactions in the form of a written statement addressed to the League. Copies of said statement will be distributed to the League Officers and Team Captains for their approval prior to the end of his term.

He shall provide each Team Captain with a set of League Rules and ask said captains to maintain the rules for each competitive match.

Each week prior to bowling time, he shall issue and post the individual averages of regular and substitute bowlers, and team standings.

He has charge of and conducts all correspondence and notifies the members of all League business.

All dues, money or other property paid to or donated through the Secretary/Treasurer must be deposited into the treasury within one (1) week.

Section 2. League

The League shall consist of an even number of teams with a minimum of eight (8) required for the League to function. In addition to teams, the membership may include substitutes.

The League will be sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

Functions of the League shall be directed through the office of the Secretary/Treasurer.

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Section 3. Teams

Five-man Teams: Each team shall consist of up to seven (7) bowlers of which only five (5) compete at any one time. Any team may compete with as many as two (2) substitutes; the remaining three (3) bowlers must be team members.

Four-man Teams: Each team shall consist of up to seven (7) bowlers of which only four (4) compete at any one time. Any team may compete with as many as two (2) substitutes; the remaining two (2) bowlers must be team members.

Captain: He shall be responsible for the conduct of the team and represent the members in affairs of the League. He shall carry out the duties of team captain as stated in USBC league rules and this constitution.

Legal Lineup: A legal lineup is a minimum of three (3) eligible players, two (2) of whom must be team members. When less than a minimum legal lineup is present to complete the first frame of any game, the game shall be forfeited. A frame shall be considered complete when all bowlers present on each team have made their last deliveries in that frame.

Section 4. Bowlers

All bowlers must be individuals who are qualified and acceptable in the best interest of the League.

No individual who has been refused membership in the League, or who is under suspension by the League shall be considered acceptable.

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Section 5. Substitutes

All substitutes must meet all requirements for team members above and will be entitled to equal privileges should they participate in 2/3 or more of the games in any one season.

No member of any team in the League may substitute on another team in the same League.

Article 2. Ways and Means

Section 1. Business

All transactions shall be directed by the majority vote of all teams as expressed by vote of their Captains. In the Event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Voting may be conducted by any polling method at the discretion of the President. A master ballot indicating the vote of each team shall become part of the League records.

Section 2. Committees

Committees shall be formed to insure bowler representation and to assist in accomplishing the functions of the League.

Contracts: A committee of one from the League and the President shall be responsible for the business of contracting for use of bowling facilities. This committee shall function during the months of February and March for the following season.

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Organization and Rules: Two bowlers from the League, headed by the Vice-President, shall meet during the season to consider changes to the Constitution. A ballot containing committee recommendations, as well as those submitted in writing by any bowler during the season, shall be acted upon during the organizational meeting for the next season. Captains of teams shall have the right to vote. Revisions, as directed by the vote, shall be incorporated as amendments and copies available at least one week prior to the start of the next season.

No changes can be made during the bowling season without the approval of all Team Captains.

Banquet: A committee headed by the Secretary/Treasurer shall pursue the business of an Awards and Officer Installation Banquet to be held immediately following the bowling season unless the League votes to forego the banquet, in which case the funds will be a part of the prize money.

Elections: A committee consisting of all League Officers shall conduct a democratic election during September for filling the League Officer positions for the current season. Nominations shall be sought during the first three weeks of the season and a vote taken in the manner prescribed for business during the fourth week of the season. The term shall be annual as determined by the end of the season.

Special Events: the President for special functions such as publicity, tournaments, etc may form Committees.

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Section 3. Awards

The prize money shall be used to finance the Awards Banquet (if held), and the remainder distributed according to the season's prize list. The season's prize list shall be the first order of business of the League after establishing the number of teams in each League. It must be acted on as League business within two months after the start of bowling and shall become an amendment to this section.

A bowler or team can qualify for only one special prize. When a team or individual qualifies for a prize in each category, the prize of highest value will be awarded or, if prizes are of equal value, the scratch prize will be awarded.